

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

**CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY,**

Plaintiff,

v.

SARAH STROMMEN, in her official capacity as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources,

Defendant.

Case No. 0:20-cv-02554-ECT-JFD

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff Center for Biological Diversity (“Center”) and Defendant Sarah Strommen, in her official capacity as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”), jointly submit this status report.

On January 28, 2022, the Court extended the fact discovery deadline to March 29, 2022, and ordered the parties to file a joint report on March 22, 2022, to update the Court as to the status of their settlement discussions. Dkt. No. 40; *see also* Dkt. No. 57. Accordingly, the parties filed a joint report, which requested additional time for settlement negotiations. Dkt. No. 59. The Court thereafter stayed all requirements and deadlines in the Pretrial Scheduling Order (Dkt. No. 37) and ordered the parties to file another joint report on April 5, 2022. Dkt. No. 61.

The Center and the DNR have now reached agreement in principle on key terms and will work to put the rest of the detail into the final settlement agreement. To allow

time to finalize a settlement agreement, the parties seek to further stay all requirements and deadlines in the Pretrial Scheduling Order. On May 6, 2022, if the parties have not yet filed a stipulated settlement agreement or other appropriate form of agreement, the parties will file a joint report to update the Court as to whether they need additional time to finalize their agreement.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of April, 2022.

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